

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1 - 13 (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) A refrigerating unit for installing in a furniture niche, comprising a body and a door that enclose a thermally insulated inside compartment, the door being pivotally mounted to the body for pivotal movement about an axis between an open and a closed position, the door projecting beyond a front edge of the furniture niche when the refrigerating unit is installed in the furniture niche.

15. (Previously Presented) The combination according to claim 37, wherein the body of the refrigerating unit remains with its front edge behind the front edge of the furniture niche.

16. (Currently Amended) The combination according to claim 37, wherein the body of front edge of the body of the refrigerating unit is flush with the front edge of the furniture niche.

17-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The combination according to claim 37, wherein the door includes an outer side facing away from the body inside area, a decorative end portion being disposed on the outer side which ends flush with the front of the furniture niche.

22. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 21, wherein the outer side is formed by a stainless steel outer wall.

23. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 27, wherein the door comprises a door panel including a door outer cladding of a heat insulating layer and a door inner cladding that projects from the door panel to the body, the pivot axis of the door extending through the door panel.

24. (Currently Amended) The refrigerating unit according to claim 27, comprising a decorative panel which covers the door and can move therewith, wherein the decorative panel is rigidly mounted on the door, the decorative panel being removable from the door.

25. (Currently Amended) The refrigerating unit according to claim [[27]] 24, wherein a piece of the decorative panel covers a side flank of the door.

26. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 27, comprising a plurality of doors of different depth which can be mounted on the body.

27. (Currently Amended) A refrigerating unit for installing in a furniture niche, the refrigerating unit comprising:

a body having a front edge and a body inside area, the body inside area being defined on one side by the front edge of the body; and

a door having a protruding edge that protrudes toward the front edge of the body, the door being pivotally mounted to the body for pivotal movement about an axis between an open and a closed position, the door and the body enclosing a thermally insulated inside compartment when the door is in the closed position and the protruding edge of the door contacts the front edge of the body, and the door including a receiving area,

wherein the receiving area is outside of the body inside area when the door is in the closed position, and

the door is adapted for projecting beyond a front edge of the furniture niche when the door is in the closed position and the refrigerating unit is installed in the furniture niche.

28. (Currently Amended) The refrigerating unit according to claim 27, wherein the door is adapted for projecting beyond a front face of a cabinet door adjacent to the refrigerating unit in the furniture niche when the door is in the closed position.

29-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 27, wherein the receiving area is formed by a recess on an inner side of the door.

32. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 31, wherein the recess on the inner side of the door is formed by a cavity-like recess which extends at least substantially over the height and width of the inner side of the door.

33. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 27, wherein the protruding edge of the door is in between the axis and the front edge of the body.

34. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 27, wherein the receiving area is defined on one side by the protruding edge of the door.

35. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 27, wherein the receiving area extends only to the protruding edge of the door.

36. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 27, wherein the volume of the insulated inside compartment equals the sum of the volume of the body inside area and the volume of the receiving area.

37. (Previously Presented) A refrigerating unit and furniture niche combination, comprising:

a furniture niche; and
a refrigerating unit installed in the furniture niche, the refrigerating unit having

a body having a front edge and a body inside area, the body inside area being defined on one side by the front edge of the body; and

a door having a protruding edge that protrudes toward the front edge of the body, the door being pivotally mounted to the body for pivotal movement about an axis between an open position and a closed position, the door and the body enclosing a thermally insulated inside compartment when the door is in the closed position and the protruding edge of the door contacts the front edge of the body, and the door including a receiving area,

wherein the receiving area is outside of the body inside area when the door is in the closed position, and

the door projects beyond a front edge of the furniture niche when the door is in the closed position and the refrigerating unit is installed in the furniture niche.

38. (Currently Amended) The combination according to claim 37, wherein the inside compartment projects over the front edge of the furniture niche when the door is in the closed position.

39. (Currently Amended) The combination according to claim 37, wherein the door is adapted for projecting beyond a front face of a cabinet door adjacent to the refrigerating unit in the furniture niche when the door is in the closed position.

40. (Previously Presented) The combination according to claim 37, wherein the receiving area is formed by a recess on an inner side of the door.

41. (Previously Presented) The combination according to claim 40, wherein the recess on the inner side of the door is formed by a cavity-like recess which extends at least substantially over the height and width of the inner side of the door.

42. (Previously Presented) The combination according to claim 37, wherein the protruding edge of the door is in between the axis and the front edge of the body.

43. (Previously Presented) The combination according to claim 37, wherein the receiving area is defined on one side by the protruding edge of the door.

44. (Previously Presented) The combination according to claim 37, wherein the receiving area extends only to the protruding edge of the door.

45. (Previously Presented) The combination according to claim 37, wherein the volume of the insulated inside compartment equals the sum of the volume of the body inside area and the volume of the receiving area.